

## **SIMPLE Wedding Ceremony (RELIGIOUS) – SAMPLE**

### **Processional** (Bridal Party)

The union of husband and wife is intended by God for their mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity.

Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Into this holy union, **HUSBAND** and **WIFE** now come to be joined.

Who gives **WIFE** to be married to **HUSBAND**?

**HUSBAND**, will you have this woman to be your wife; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Response: **I WILL.**

**WIFE**, will you have this man to be your husband; to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Response: **I WILL.**

*Join your right hands.*

**HUSBAND**, repeat after me: I, **HUSBAND**, take you **WIFE**, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live, according to God's Holy Word, and thereto I give you my pledge.

**WIFE**, repeat after me: I, **WIFE**, take you **HUSBAND**, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as

we both shall live, according to God's Holy Word, and thereto I give you my pledge.

The wedding ring signifies to all the uniting of this man and woman in holy matrimony and symbolizes the never-ending nature of their love for each other.

May I have the rings please?

**HUSBAND**, repeat after me: *I give you this ring WIFE, as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.*

**WIFE**, repeat after me: *I give you this ring HUSBAND, as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.*

### **PRAYER for Couple**

Now that **HUSBAND** and **WIFE** have given themselves to each other by solemn vow, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring in the presence of this company, by the authority of the State of New Jersey, and that of Almighty God, I pronounce that they are husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

**HUSBAND** – You may now kiss your bride.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am very happy and honored to present for the first time – Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_.